Approved Minutes: Natural Resource Inventory and Mapping Committee

Tuesday, July 21 2020

Present Karen McKnight, Sandy Wilmot, Pat Lamphere, Amy Golodetz, Ryan Ochs Absent Val Stori, John Drew

Meeting called to order by Sandy at 6:36 No public comment June meeting minutes tabled, to be approved at August meeting

Seeking Advice / shared experience from other towns: Val waiting to hear back and set up call with questions

Draft maps:

still want mast stands data, can ask VT Fish and Wildlife. Review of maps 1 - 7 and discussion

Data layer information and descriptions: Maps text

What data do we prioritize and want to add / contract for to get additional inventory data? Ask for Conservation Commission input

Natural communities: more specific categories useful? Starts with soil types / geology

Water quality studies: existing data sets or new data

Wetland mapping:

Significant wildlife habitat: input from outdoors people, better detail

Ag lands:

Managed forest lands: helpful for planning

How does knowing what wildlife is present help with planning?

For next time, offer edits and questions on Maps text , additional data layers (see email attachment from Sandy NRIMC Map Text July 21)

Add more existing data on wildlife crossing locations

Add town land - Crane Brook Conservation District - to map

Add uva properties farm and forest: working lands

Clarify two types of wildlife crossings (blue and gold)

Understand forest block areas designations better (Macomber mtn for example)

Next meeting August 18 at 6:30

Adjourned at 7:30 pm